



Proclamation

in Recognition of

Juneteenth Day 2016

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation officially ending the enslavement of African Americans in the United States on January 1, 1863; and

WHEREAS, there was open resistance and limited Union troops to support the enforcement of this Executive Order which detained relaying this information; and

WHEREAS, the news of Emancipation traveled throughout the southern region of the United States slowly; and

WHEREAS, the arrival of Major General Gordon Granger in Galveston, Texas, with news of General Order 3 on June 19, 1865, which bestowed upon African Americans all the rights and privileges of free citizenship; and

WHEREAS, this profound news was responded to with great jubilation and exultation commemorating the occasion with festivals and worship; and

WHEREAS, June 19th is celebrated as Juneteenth by African Americans across the United States;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2016 as

"JUNETEENTH DAY 2016"

in Hawai'i and encourage all citizens of the Aloha State to observe this important date in American history.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this seventh day of June 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i